

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Robert G. Taub

Periodic Reporting
(Proposals Sixteen through Twenty)

Docket No. RM2012-2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO FURTHER EXTEND
TIME FOR FILING REPLY COMMENTS

(Issued February 16, 2012)

At the request of Time Inc., the Commission extended the period for comments on Proposal Eighteen until February 3, 2012, and the period for reply comments until February 17, 2012.¹ While the Commission granted Time Inc.'s request to extend the comment period, it rejected Time Inc.'s request to merge the comments in this docket with those in Docket No. ACR2011. The Commission observed that such a merger would be likely to complicate, rather than simplify, handling of the range of issues that remain in Docket No. RM2012-2.

¹ See Order Granting Motion of Time Inc. to Extend Period for Comments, February 2, 2012 (Order No. 1192).

Time Inc. filed its comments on February 3, 2012, in both this docket and Docket No. ACR2011.² On February 9, 2012, six days after comments in Docket No. RM2012-2 were due, Time Inc. filed library reference TI-LR-1 in Docket No. ACR2011. It stated that the library reference was an attachment to its comments in both Docket Nos. ACR2011 and RM2012-2. Time Inc. did not file a motion for late acceptance of the library reference.

On February 14, 2012, the Postal Service filed a motion to extend the deadline for filing reply comments in this docket by six days, from February 17 to February 23, 2012.³ It argues that by filing its library reference six days later than the time that initial comments were due in Docket Nos. ACR2011 and RM2012-2, Time Inc. has prejudiced the Postal Service's ability to thoroughly respond by the February 17, 2012 deadline for reply comments in both dockets. The Postal Service asks for an extension of the deadline by the same number of days that the filing of Time Inc.'s library reference was delayed. The Postal Service does not ask for an extension of the period for reply comments in Docket No. ACR2011. Time, Inc. has no objection to the requested extension.⁴

The Commission agrees with the Postal Service that extending the deadline for reply comments in this docket by six days is a reasonable accommodation of its need for adequate time to evaluate and respond to the late-filed analysis submitted by Time Inc. as part of its initial comments. It will be so ordered.

² The Postal Service asserts that Time Inc. "merged" its comments in this docket with those in Docket No. ACR2011, contrary to the directive of Order No. 1192. Motion of the United States Postal Service to Extend Period for Reply Comments, February 14, 2012, at 1 (Postal Service Motion). Time Inc. rebuts that assertion. Response of Time Inc. to Motion of the United States Postal Service to Extend Period for Reply Comments, February 15, 2012 (Time Inc. Response).

³ See Postal Service Motion, *supra*.

⁴ See Time Inc. Response, *supra*.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service to Extend Period for Reply Comments, filed February 14, 2012, is granted.
2. The deadline for reply comments in this docket is extended to February 23, 2012.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary